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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Basic Intelligence

FROM:

Chief, Map Library Division

SUBJECT:

Map Library Comments on SKAN

In accordance with your request, the Map Library has reviewed the sample SKAN publications provided by your office to determine the value of this type of publication in Map Library operations. Two possible uses by the Map Library are seen:

- a. SKAN could be useful to Map Library procurement officers as a checklist of intelligence reports having map enclosures, or documents with maps. This would require an additional key word, such as "MAPS", whenever appropriate. It might also be useful in selecting intelligence reports of possible interest for map collection leads, but the lack of depth of SKAN indexing limits this usage.
- b. SKAN might also be used as a medium for disseminating information on new maps, supplementing existing Map Library "Acquisitions Lists" and similar publications. The Map Library has already discussed this possibility with the

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staff, but code conversion problems, and a lack of manpower, have precluded any cooperative arrangement to date. (See attached memo)

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